

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION MAY 7, 1996

PROCEEDINGS:

The Annual Town Election of Officers for the Town of Williamstown was held on Tuesday, May 7, 1996, in the Flagg-Sylvester Gymnasium on School Street. The polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. and were closed at 8:00 P.M. The Optech III voting machines were used for the first time at an Annual Town Election.

The poll workers were sworn to their faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk, who then declared the polls opened at 7:00 AM. When the polls were declared closed at 8:00 PM, the counters were duly sworn in by the Town Clerk and the counting of the ballots proceed immediately.

Those serving as poll workers were Esther Young, Warden; Priscilla Northup, Francis Smith; , Jeannette Wildemuth, Dorothy Blake, Clista Roberts, and Kenneth O'Neil, Dorothy Silverman, Herbert Palmer, Arthur Molyneux, Dorothy Brewer, John Howgate & Elaine Whitney.

Those serving as counters were Sue Briggs, Theresa Lepicier, Shirley Duchna, Hermon Allsop, Concetta Miller, Patricia Dean & Wilma Moulen. Constable John Sylvester was on duty throughout the day and evening.

The preliminary results were printed from the Optech machine and posted for the press. The final tabulated results were completed by 8:30 PM. The ballots were placed in boxes, sealed and transported by the Constable to the Town Hall vault in the custody of the Town Clerk. There were 1673 ballots casts from a possible 4441 registered voters. Sixty four absentee ballots were requested of which four were not returned and one was received after the election date.

	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
MODERATOR				
Blanks	112	63	133	308
William L. Dudley	630	187	542	1359
Write ins	5	1	0	6
Total	747	251	675	1673
SELECTMEN (2 openings)				
Blanks	119	55	191	365
Anne R. Skinner	534	161	316	1011
Chester P. Soling	129	37	94	260
Charles Schlesinger	509	173	379	1061
Norman E. Sweet	201	76	369	646
Write ins	2	0	1	3
Total	1494	502	1350	3346
WMST. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMM.				
Blanks	162	63	160	385
Nicholls	583	187	514	1284
Write ins	2	1	1	4
Total	747	251	675	1673
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2 openings)				
Blanks	511	195	480	1186
Peter Just	532	166	461	1159
Kim Rozell	451	140	404	995
Write ins	0	1	1	2
Total	1494	502	1346	3342

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Total
HOUSING AUTHORITY - One Year				
Blanks	220	86	174	480
Sorenson	527	164	501	1192
Write ins	0	1	0	1
Total	747	251	675	1673
HOUSING AUTHORITY - Four Years				
Blanks	185	75	152	412
Wiles	561	176	523	1260
Write ins	1	0	0	1
Total	747	251	675	1673
HOUSING AUTHORITY - Five Years				
Blanks	167	68	154	389
Drummond	579	183	520	1282
Write ins	1	0	1	2
Total	747	251	675	1673

BALLOT QUESTION

Adoption of Chapter 258, Section 13

Shall the town vote to accept the provisions of section thirteen of chapter two hundred and fifty-eight of the General Laws which provides that the town shall indemnify and save harmless municipal officers, elected or appointed, from personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, in an amount not to exceed one million dollars, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgement by reason of any act or omission except an intentional violation of civil rights of any person under any law, if the official at the time of such act or omission was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment.

Blanks	168	69	174	411
Yes	507	154	390	1051
No	72	28	111	211
Total	747	251	675	1673

A true record, attest:

Mary Courtney Kennedy
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Town Clerk